

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 1520 which prohibits a person from force feeding a bird for the purpose of enlarging its liver.

This bill's intent is to ban the current foie gras production practice of forcing a tube down a bird's throat to greatly increase the consumption of grain by the bird. It does not ban the food product, foie gras. This bill provides 7 and one half years for agricultural husbandry practices to evolve and perfect a humane way for a duck to consume grain to increase the size of its liver through natural processes. If agricultural producers are successful in this endeavor, the ban on foie gras sales and production in California will not occur.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger